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1. The barracks at Aradul-Nou was occupied by a Soviet artillery unit on 18 July 1953. The unit came by railroad from the direction of Periam.
2. Its strength was observed to be 453 men. They wore violet shoulder boards with black decoration.
3. At the same time there were unloaded eight 105 mm mountain howitzers and four Stalin Organ rocket projectors, [REDACTED]. The railroad cars that brought the unit were marked OAD/39.
4. On 27 July 1953 three ZIS trucks left the barracks courtyard going in the direction of Arad, and manned by men with the same type of shoulder boards. The trucks had [REDACTED].
5. Down to 3 August 1953 the unit had not gone out for exercises, but drills on the guns were held in the barracks courtyard.

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